



# Victory Times



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*Telling the Camp Victory story*

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## Military police create training video

Story and photo by Spc. James P. Hunter  
MNC-I PAO

Most servicemembers drive in cities where traffic laws are in place to avoid major traffic incidents.

In Iraq, there are no standard traffic laws for civilians driving on the roadways. On standard two-lane highways, Iraqis sometimes expand vehicles four lanes across and some drive on the opposite side of the road.

With the added possibility of vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, small arms fire and mortars, servicemembers can feel threatened driving in these conditions, sometimes leading to an unwarranted escalation in force.

Troops traveling in convoys operate under certain Rules of Engagement. When vehicles approach, troops decide the level of force needed depending on the vehicles aggressiveness.

Soldiers' firing warning shots when the shot may have been avoided is the biggest problem coalition forces are facing, said Capt. Jonathan Shiroma, media relations and public affairs officer, 49<sup>th</sup> Military



**Personnel security detail Soldiers with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 49th Military Police Brigade prepare to move out during a convoy operation Feb. 17. An Army combat camera convoyed with the personnel security detail to film a training video on how to deal with escalation of force when patrolling or convoying.**

Police Brigade.

The 49<sup>th</sup> MP Bde., with the help from combat cameramen, have been tasked to create a training video for servicemembers showing how to properly operate on the roadways to avoid taking innocent lives.

"What we want to do is establish some procedures on how to react to motorists who really mean no harm but are just perhaps a little too close for comfort," Shiroma said. "We also want to develop a way to further convey messages to motorists to prevent the unnecessary escalation of force."

This video is not meant to prevent Soldiers from having the freedom to protect themselves if they feel the need, said Shiroma.

"Often times, many motorists within the city are caught off guard or are not aware of a coalition convoy," Shiroma said. "This may sometimes cause a driver to react in an irrational way by either trying to drive the wrong way or into the protective bubble of a convoy."

When a vehicle comes within a specified distance of a convoy they have entered the protective bubble or boundary, said Sgt.

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## Camp Victory Three-day forecast

### Wednesday



Mostly Sunny  
High: 67 F  
Low: 47 F

### Thursday



Sunny  
High: 68 F  
Low: 48 F

### Friday



Showers  
High: 71 F  
Low: 47 F

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## Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain (Maj.) Terry W. Cara  
Psychological Operations Task Force XIV

### A Salt Shaker

*"Give neither counsel nor salt till you are asked for it." Italian Proverb*

Shakers of salt sit on the dining facility tables. No one passes them around the table unless requested. No one has ever asked me, "Sir, would you like some salt." (Even if they did I would refuse the offer opting instead for the pepper.) The salt sits quietly waiting to be used to season some green

beans, or "Freedom Fries." It does not call attention to itself. It is patient with the latent potential to help make a meal more enjoyable.

Imagine if salt was not like that at all. Imagine, as you eat, salt suddenly leaps out of the shaker and begins to a-salt (sic) your steak, that piece of prime rib, or roast. How would you react? What would you do? Would you try to wipe it off? Would you douse it with more A-1 Sauce? Would you continue to eat and try to ignore the seasoning that now fills your taste buds? Thank the good Lord that salt can not do that to my meal.

Oh, if counsel was the same as salt! I know as a Chaplain there have been too many occasions where my thoughts, opinions, directions, or guidance have been interjected into a conversation in a a-salting manner. Thinking one was looking for help I have sprung into a diatribe of helpfulness only to leave him or her bewildered, confused, or even worst, frustrated. At times, I have overstepped the boundaries of protocol, gotten outside of my lane, failed to see the real issues, all in an attempt to be helpful where my help was not needed, wanted nor solicited.

Oh, to be like salt on the DFAC table – Ready to be used, waiting, not anxious.

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## Victory Marathoners Training

The Victory Marathon Club is off and running. After an organizational meeting on February 5th, the club began organized runs a few days later under the leadership of 1st Sgt. Corey Gill and Master Sgt. George Astbury. These two veteran marathoners brought the group together to help Soldiers build a meaningful running component to their fitness programs, develop "off duty" esprit de corps, offer running education, and provide seminars on injury prevention. The club is broken down into two groups; the goal of the first group is to complete a full marathon, with the goal of the second to finish a half-marathon. Both groups are on training schedules designed to help individuals new to distance running. These schedules gradually build mileage to help the body to adjust to this increase while reducing the likelihood of injury. As training for long races takes dedication and motivation, the club has developed a series of motivational events and milestones. The club will sponsor a series of special runs with distances between 5 and 25 kilometers over the next 4 months. The club recently completed its Valentine's Day 5K. As further motivation, the club members log their distances with each 50 kilometer milestone recognized by the club. The club, named for the motto of V Corps stationed Heidelberg, Germany, is creating a relationship with the Heidelberg International Marathon Club. Several of the Victory members are also members of the HIMC. There are several initiatives between the clubs such as posting Victory Club information and photos on the HIMC website. The most exciting collaboration between the clubs is a planned virtual training partner program that will tie individual members of the two clubs together for mutual encouragement. The website is <http://www.heidelbergimc.org/>. Camp Victory runners can contact 1st Sgt. Gill at DSN 822-3483 for more information on joining the group.

### MNC-I CAMP VICTORY, BAGHDAD TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

#### OPEN TO ALL PERSONNEL



The goal is to have 10 monthly tournaments. Then, take the top finishers in these tournaments and have a championship game sometime in December before we redeploy.



The winner of each monthly tournament will receive a custom T-shirt.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** For information or to sign up for February's tournament call or email:

SGT Joseph Mahoney  
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**TIME:** 8 p.m.

**PLACE:** MWR BLDG 124

**TOURNAMENT DATES:**

last Monday of every month

**CHAMPIONSHIP - TBD**

# Black History Month's closing luncheon

Story and photo by Lance Cpl. Drew Hendricks

MNC-I PAO

Servicemembers of various ranks, colors and creed, filled the NFL room of the Sports Oasis Dining Facility to attend the closing ceremonies of Black History Month, Monday.

The ceremony was the final commemoration of Black History Month, here.

Guest speaker, Col. Frederick A. Cross, commander, Task Force Alder, stressed the theme of this years Black History Month, "reaching out to youth: a strategy for excellence," with his speech that focused on the importance of higher education standards for all of America's youth.

"We must build a bench for our replacements, so they will be there when we need them," said Cross. "Our children are the future, and we must prepare them for that challenge."

According to Cross, part of that preparation involves making sure the youth of America know and understand their culture



**Captains Alphonso Simmons, Demarcus McVey, Stan Reed and 2nd Lt. Dwayne Bowden, members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., perform a step dance at the end of the Black History Month closing luncheon, Feb. 20.**

and their history.

"Black History Month should not be used as a time to regurgitate facts," said Cross. "It is a time to honor the history and culture of all African Americans."

Soldiers, who are also members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., performed a step dance to end the ceremony.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded November 17, 1911, by three Howard University undergraduate students, with the assistance of their faculty adviser, Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, Frank Coleman and Professor Ernest E. Just are now known as the fathers of Omega. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning "friendship is essential to the soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived.

Today the organization helps promote college education and scholastic excellence in African American youth, which according to Frederick, is an absolute necessity.

"When it comes to our children's future, failure is not an option," said Cross.

## VIDEO

Dustin Hames, gunner, 158 Field Artillery Battalion, 49<sup>th</sup> MP Bde.

If the gunner feels threatened when the vehicle enters his boundary, he has the choice to use force based on the vehicles aggressiveness but must remain cautious due to the unknown factor of who is in the vehicle, Hames said.

"You might know how many people are in it but you don't know ethnicity, male or female, or who else in the car," he said.

The gunner's objective is to conduct a 360 degree security for the convoy, said Hames. He is trained to keep vehicles from the convoy or patrol and keep contact with civilians at all times.

"(Gunner's) are looking for IEDs, bombs in the back of cars, and anything that is going to hurt or disable a vehicle or yourself," he said.

Hames recalls his first incident when he was the lead convoy gunner and a car almost side-swiped his convoy.

He remembers coming through an intersection and directing traffic to stop. The car would not stop and began swerving on the road. The vehicle came inches from hitting the convoy.

Hames did not fire a shot though, because he felt the driver was impatient or unaware.

During his initial training, Hames was taught to look for erratic drivers because they would be the VBIED. He feels that is not always the case.

"Basically you've got to get your gunners to realize the driving habits of Iraq are totally different then any other country," Hames said. "There are not driving laws, so what we view as erratic driving isn't really erratic driving to them. They drive on the side

walks, on opposite lanes of traffic and there is nothing wrong with it."

Hames said the main thing he looks for is overly aggressive drivers, not just erratic driving. He said the gunner should feel threatened prior to using force.

Vehicles tend to travel too close to convoys, especially in the Baghdad province, said Staff Sgt. Lance Grant, personnel security detail noncommissioned officer in charge, 158<sup>th</sup> FA Bn., 49<sup>th</sup> MP Bde. Their objective is to keep vehicles away. In some cases though, vehicles came to close and warning shots, sometimes unnecessarily, were fired.

Servicemembers must ensure they know what to expect and know how to react properly in any case, said Grant.

With Operation Iraqi Freedom still in full swing and coalition forces trying to hand the operation over to the Iraqis, Grant said servicemembers firing too quickly or unnecessarily is not good for the confidence of the Iraqi people.

The Iraqis must remain confident that coalition forces are protecting their safety and lives while they weed out insurgent and anti-coalition forces, he said.

Though the Iraqis driving style is unpredictable, and insurgents are using weapons and explosives to hinder the coalition mission, servicemembers still need to be aware of when to shoot and when not to shoot, said Hames. He hopes the video enhances their capabilities when convoying and patrolling to avoid an escalation in force.

Over the next two weeks, the 49<sup>th</sup> MP Bde. and combat cameramen, will travel to various locations to film the training video, Shiroma said. He hopes the video will be available for training purposes by the beginning of March.



## Security vs. special security

There seems to be some confusion over the difference between Security and Special Security. Perhaps a few details will make it easier to understand and help you determine the right folks to contact. "Security" is handled by the Security Manager, who deals with broad security issues and SECRET information. When you talk to "Security," you should expect answers to general questions about policy and procedures, i.e., "How do I get a security clearance, how long is it valid, can I keep my SIPR computer under my pillow if I have a courier card (that would be a "NO," by the way), if the document isn't marked NOFORN, does that mean YESFORN?" (another "NO")--you know, big picture stuff.

The Security Manager deals with SECRET information. In a headquarters like MNC-I, SECRET access is the norm. It is easier to qualify for SECRET access and it can be approved locally, so that makes the Security Manager a "YES" person most of the time. People generally like the Security Manager. Those that do not generally have problems not necessarily associated with access to classified, but the handling of it (like badges outside the

secure work area).

Special Security is more restricted and more limited with access. The Special Security Office (or SSO) is responsible for limiting access to TOP SECRET information to those persons specifically identified by their command as requiring access for a compelling need. What this really means is that you and your commander have to prove to the SSO why you need access to TOP SECRET information. This makes the SSO not nearly as popular as the Security Manager. The SSO is normally associated with the word "NO." Try not to hold that against them; it is their job to ensure that only those who "need to know" have the access.

The SSO controls access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI). Access to SCI requires indoctrination and that means you have to have a TOP SECRET investigation completed or submitted with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) before you can have access. The SSO can do a lot, but the SSO cannot grant interim access to SCI --that has to come from the Central Clearance Facility (CCF) at Ft. Meade, Maryland. CCF can grant interim access based on

an open TS investigation, a statement of compelling need, and completion of an SCI prescreening questionnaire. What does that mean to you? It means, on the average, approximately 30 days will elapse between the date you identify a need for access and the date you walk into an SCI work area.

It is important to remember two key security points: 1. CCF determines your eligibility to hold a clearance and 2. Access is based on a mission required need to know, not specific wants, desires or plans for the future.

So when you think of Security, think SECRET; when you think of Special Security, think TOP SECRET. They work in concert under the Security Division, but they ARE different. Currently, MNC-I does not have its own SSO; it has two Special Security Representative (SSRs) who have indoctrinated and badged most of you, Master Sgt. Tuvera and Staff Sgt. Richburg. Our closest SSO is the one at MNF-I. The MNC-I Security Manager is Mr. Don Lawson; Lt Col. Hoyle is the Security Division Chief. Give us a call at 822-2061/2.

### Worship Opportunities

#### Victory Chapel (Bldg. 31)

##### Sunday:

Traditional Protestant Service 7 and 8:45 a.m.  
Roman Catholic Confession 10 a.m.  
Roman Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Gospel Protestant Service noon  
Latter Day Saints Service 2 p.m.  
Episcopal/Lutheran Service 4 p.m.  
Contemporary Protestant Service 6 p.m.

##### Saturday:

7th Day Adventist Service 11 a.m.  
Roman Catholic Mass 8 p.m.

#### Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

##### Monday – Friday

Roman Catholic Service 4 p.m.

##### Friday:

Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.

##### Saturday:

##### Orthodox:

Orthodox Vespers 5 p.m.  
Orthodox Confession 5:30 p.m.  
Orthodox Bible Study 7 p.m.

##### Sunday:

Orthodox Divine Liturgy 9 p.m.

## Around Iraq

### Iraqi, U.S. Army Soldiers seize large weapons cache, detain terrorists

BAGHDAD – Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division and 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, disrupted a terrorist staging area earlier this morning southwest of Baghdad.

The Soldiers, acting on intelligence, air assaulted into the village of Owesat under the cover of darkness and surprised the terrorists before they could escape.

More than 39 detainees were seized, to include five individuals considered high-value targets. They also found several caches in and around the village containing 200 155mm artillery rounds, one rocket-propelled grenade launcher, 23 RPG rounds, 17 hand grenades, 200 blasting caps, four rolls of detonation cord, one mortar, one heavy machinegun, explosive powder and several hundred rounds of machinegun rounds.

"This was a well planned and executed mission," said Col. Jeffrey Snow, 1st BCT, 10th Mtn. Div., and the air assault commander for the mission. "We believe, as a result (of the mission), we have thwarted a significant attack that the insurgents had been preparing for."

The operation was based on intelligence that the insurgent cell had been stocking munitions and weapons to prepare for future attacks.

"This reinforces the importance of people coming forward and reporting insurgent activity," said Snow.

## Operating hours

### Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.  
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

### Sports Oasis

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 - 9 p.m.

### Shoppette

Open 24 Hours

### Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

### Chapel (Bldg. 31)

#### Sunday:

Protestant Service 7 and 8:45 a.m.  
Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Gospel Service Noon  
Mormon (LDS) 2 p.m.  
Episcopal 4 p.m.  
Full Life Service 6 p.m.

#### Saturday:

7th Day Adventist 11 a.m.  
Catholic Mass 8 p.m.  
Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

#### Friday:

Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.  
Eastern Orthodox services:

#### Saturday:

Vespers 5 p.m.  
Confession 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.

#### Sunday:

Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.

#### Post Office

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

#### Golby Troop Medical Clinic

#### Sick Call Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

#### Dental Sick Call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

#### Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

#### Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

#### Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

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*Women's History Month*

Someone on the  
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**BEWARE!**

AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF A  
SEXUAL ASSAULT

- **DON'T WALK ALONE**, even to the showers! Use a trusted Battle Buddy.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Don't take short cuts through Deserted or Dark Areas.
- The use of alcohol and drugs are not authorized; don't let it be an excuse.
- If Someone approaches You and you feel threatened, SHOUT for HELP and Immediately Report it to **MILITARY POLICE**, 24 / 7, at **DSN: 822-4790** **IRAQNA: 0790-193-2481** or CID.

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own. GO Home Alive!**

## Submit letters from home

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## DRIVE SAFELY !!

This driver was wearing his seat belt, driving within the speed limit and he was in his proper lane.



The driver of this vehicle had his life tragically altered by a reckless driver.  
**Don't be the OTHER driver!!**

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